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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

ENTER APPLICATION OF :
MITSUAKI YAMAMOTO, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 09/926,199 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2001 :
FOR: METHOD FOR QUANTITATING :
CHOLESTEROL :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 17, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II: Claim 18, drawn to a reagent comprising a compound having a relatively strong affinity with non-measuring lipoproteins, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a method for quantitating cholesterols, which involves a compound having a relatively strong affinity with non-measuring lipoproteins;
- Group II: Claim 18, drawn to a reagent comprising a compound having a relatively strong affinity with non-measuring lipoproteins;
- Group III: Claims 19-23 and 25-29, drawn to methods for quantitating cholesterols, which involves a compound having a relatively strong affinity with measuring lipoproteins; and
- Group IV: Claims 24 and 30, drawn to reagents for quantitating cholesterols, which comprises a compound having a relatively strong affinity with measuring lipoproteins.